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1. ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO USG PLANS FOR FURTHER
COOPERATION WITH FRANCE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE FRENCH SOLAR
PROGRAM MAY OFFER GREATER TECHNICAL BENEFITS TO THE U.S. THAN
THE ITALIAN SOLAR PROGRAM. WE THEREFORE WANT TO POINT OUT,
BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE, THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ITALY OF
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EXPANDING BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH THE FRENCH. THE ITALIANS
ARE MOST ANXIOUS FOR A MAJOR BILATERAL COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH
THE U.S. IN THIS FIELD. IF WE PASS THEM BY WHILE LAUNCHING NEW
EFFORTS WITH A NON-MEMBER OF THE IEA, THE ITALIANS (WHO WERE
VERY RELUCTANT TO JOIN THE IEA AND OCCASIONALLY EXPRESS CON-
TINUING REGRETS) MAY VIEW THIS AS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT (AND,
IN A SENSE , A REWARD) FOR A COUNTRY WHICH CHOSE NOT TO JOIN IEA,

WHILE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST A COUNTRY WHICH HAS COOPERATED FULLY IN CONSUMER COUNTRY EFFORTS AND WHICH USG HAS SPECIFICALLY PLEDGED TO ASSIST IN ITS EFFORTS TO DECREASE DEPENDENCE ON OIL IMPORTS.

2. DESPITE TWO REQUESTS, COMMUNICATIONS HAS NOT REPEATED TO US THE REFERENCE IN STATE 009174. PERHAPS THESE WOULD HELP CLARIFY FOR US THE CRITERIA BEING USED IN USG DECISIONMAKING.
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